

HOUSE RESOLUTION 392

By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Debbie Denning for her unparalleled service to the Tennessee General Assembly and the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those estimable public servants, who have committed themselves, through their extraordinary service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Denning is one such venerable public servant who is richly deserving of this legislative body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, a sterling scholar, she is a highly regarded graduate of Isaac Litton High School, and a former student of the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Denning has served with acumen and alacrity as a Legislative Employee with the Tennessee General Assembly for seventeen years; as the Legislative Assistant to Representative L. Don Ridgeway, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Debbie Denning has stalwartly met the many responsibilities and demands of a busy legislative office; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Denning has graciously performed her many duties with professionalism, wisdom, and diligence, securing the gratitude and esteem of Representative

Ridgeway, the members of the Tennessee General Assembly, and the citizens of the seventy-fifth district; and

WHEREAS, for her distinguished service to the members of this legislative body, she received the 2001 Legislative Employee of the Year Award for the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Denning's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Denning exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, she is the loving daughter of O.C. and Sue Hayes and sister of Dottie Hayes, Susan Dean, Steve Hayes, and Brian Hayes; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife and mother, Ms. Denning enjoys the love and companionship of her husband and sweetheart of thirty-two years, Don Denning; they are the proud parents of two sons, D.J. Denning and Dustin Denning; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Denning evinces her devout faith as a member of the St. James The Less Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, she is a committed and diligent public servant, who performs her important duties with intelligence, patience, acumen, and dedication; she has provided superior assistance to legislators, government officials, and the public at-large to ensure that the public's work is done in a thoroughly professional manner; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Denning is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor

and recognize Debbie Denning for her honorable service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, commend her years of professional excellence as the Legislative Assistant to Representative Ridgeway, applaud her commitment to her family and community, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for every continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.